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# **24-HOUR REPORT**

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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

# (U) Berkeley – UC Berkeley Enforcing COVID-19 Lockdowns with Officers in Dorms

(U) Students at the University of California, Berkeley have been told to sequester in their rooms for an additional week as security officers monitor residence buildings and outdoor exercise is banned due to COVID-19 concerns. "Due to the 14-day incubation period of this virus, it is too early to be sure we have contained this current surge," UC Berkeley told students in an email, "We understand this extension is frustrating, but please understand this will help us mitigate further spread while protecting our community."

SOURCE: 10 February 2021, Fox News

#### (U) Costa Mesa – Two College Students Found Dead in Dorms of Suspected Drug Overdose

(U) Two students found unresponsive at an Orange Coast College housing facility on 9 February may have died of drug overdoses, school officials said. Police found Amonie Palmer, 18, shortly after her death in one of the facility's dormitories. The body of Robert Stell, 33, was in a nearby unit of the building later that day. Authorities believe he died hours earlier. Verification of their causes of death was pending the completion of toxicology reports as of Wednesday evening, but both cases were suspected drug overdoses.

SOURCE: 11 February 2021, East Bay Times

## (U) Yreka – Stolen Guns, Drugs, and Explosive Device Confiscated in Traffic Stop

(U) Chad Curtis Loynachan, age 29, was arrested on Friday after officers say they found three loaded handguns, heroin, methamphetamine, drug sales paraphernalia, and an improvised explosive device inside his car. Two of the loaded handguns were later determined to be stolen, police said. A deputy with the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office took possession of the explosive device for examination and proper disposal, and agents from the North State Major Investigations Team assisted with the investigation.

SOURCE: 10 February 2021, Siskiyou Daily

## (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) District of Columbia – CBP Reports Spike in Arrests on Mexico Border

(U) Washington – US Customs and Border Patrol made almost 78,000 arrests and detentions on the Mexico border in January, according to internal statistics reported by The Washington Post on Wednesday. The figure marks the highest number of arrests for illegal border crossings in the month of January in the past decade. Illegal crossings also rose six-percent from December 2020, the first time since 2013 that crossings rose between December and January.

SOURCE: 10 February 2021, National Review

# (U) Texas – Bandidos Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Member Sentenced for Transporting Undocumented Immigrants

(U) McAllen – On 2 February, Benito Lopez III, 53, from Los Ebanos was sentenced to 82-months in

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prison to be followed by three-years of supervised release. The court found Lopez responsible for smuggling 25 to 99 undocumented immigrants over the course of a 4-month conspiracy. Additionally, he had created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury based on the conditions in which he housed the undocumented immigrants. Judge Alvarez enhanced the sentence, finding Lopez obstructed justice by providing detailed confidential information to co-conspirators regarding the investigation. He was also in possession of firearms and used minors during and in furtherance of the conspiracy. SOURCE: 10 February 2021, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Press Release

#### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia - FBI Working to Identify at least 150 More People Involved in Capitol Riot

(U) Washington – The FBI is appealing to the public to assist in the identification of at least 150 more people involved in the 6 January US Capitol riot. "We're looking at another 150 individuals that we have not yet been able to identify, and these are folks that have committed serious crimes," according to FBI Supervisory Special Agent Philip VanWyngarden, adding that so far, about 200 arrests have been made in connection to the 6 January US Capitol riot. Altogether, the FBI has gotten about 200,000 tips from the public as well as "tens-of-thousands" of pieces of digital evidence, VanWyngarden said, but they still need more help.

SOURCE: 10 February 2021, Fox News

#### (U) Minnesota – Suspect in Clinic Shooting Allegedly Threatened Medical Facility Attacks in 2018

(U) Buffalo – Gregory Ulrich, 67, was arrested Tuesday after one person died and three were critically injured in the attack at the Allina Health Clinic in Buffalo. Ulrich allegedly threatened to attack medical facilities in 2018, according to police records. In October 2018, Gregory Paul Ulrich called his doctor three times and made threats involving "shooting, blowing things up, and practicing different scenarios of how to get revenge" against four Allina Health medical facilities, according to a report by the Buffalo Police Department. Among the facilities he allegedly threatened was the Allina Health Clinic in Buffalo, the urgent care facility where Tuesday's shooting took place.

SOURCE: 10 February 2021, NBC News

#### (U) New York - DEA Seizes \$12 Million Worth of Heroin

(U) Queens – DEA agents busted a major drug trafficker and seized more than \$12 million worth of heroin, 1,000 fentanyl pills, and \$200,000 in cash from a Queens drug mill, prosecutors said on Wednesday. Luis Martinez is accused of running the sprawling drug packaging mill in Ridgewood, where he employed Sofia Medina, Maria Altagracia Berroa, and Jacqueline Sosa de Espinal to help run his large-scale trafficking operation, Manhattan prosecutors said. Martinez is charged with operating as a major trafficker, criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminally using drug paraphernalia, and other related charges.

SOURCE: 10 February 2021, New York Daily News

# (U) North Carolina - FBI Offers Reward for Information After Five Homemade Explosive Devices Found

(U) Gibsonville - The FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and the Gibsonville Police Department are offering a \$10,000 reward for information related to suspicious devices found in Gibsonville, according to an FBI news release. At least five homemade explosive devices have been found along Wood Street in Gibsonville since 22 January. Residents have also reported hearing explosions for the last several months.

SOURCE: 10 February 2021, Fox News

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# (U) INTERNATIONAL

# (U) Canada – Hells Angel Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Member Killed in Execution-Style Shooting

(U) Keswick – Harry Lainas, 47, who was a full member of the Hells Angels Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, Simcoe South charter, was shot to death execution-style in the parking garage of an apartment building, according to police. Lainas was unresponsive when paramedics arrived, and he was pronounced dead at the scene. Shell casings were found near the body and police asked anyone with security video to call investigators. No description of a suspect was released.

SOURCE: 10 February 2021, The Star

#### (U) United Kingdom – Man Convicted of Terror and Explosives Offenses

(U) London – Mohammed Chowdhury, 24, was arrested after meeting with an undercover police officer who was posing as an arms dealer at a Costa Coffee branch in London. Chowdhury paid £300 for what he believed to be a real grenade but was immediately arrested in a sting by armed police. He was convicted of attempting to possess an explosive with intent to endanger life or property on Wednesday, following a trial at the Old Bailey courthouse in London.

SOURCE: 10 February 2021, Independent

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